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Subject: Settlement unfair and wrong for consumers/economy

Greetings, I am a citizen of the United States of America and have a strong opinion against the proposed settlement between the United States Department of Justice, several of the litigating states and Microsoft Corporation. This settlement is a poor substitute for justice. Microsoft has been found guilty many a time of anticompetitive actions in the past, and in this trial. Yet, there seems to be a reluctance to actually punish these criminals. If a person were to burglarize a corner gas station, that person would serve time and make reparations. Microsoft has put the world economy at stake by taking control of the personal computer market as well as other industries within the technology sector. You are probably reading this email right now within a Microsoft Operating System, in a Microsoft Mail Transfer Agent, running on a "Microsoft Certified System" made to run their Windows Operating System.

It is clear what has been done by them. What remains to be seen is if the Department of Justice can enforce the laws which have been so contemptuously broken. Let us not forget that Mr. William H. Gates Jr. perjured in a court of law over the duration of this lawsuit. He stated that a video made showing that their Internet Explorer product could, in fact, be removed from the system without serious damage done to the system. When the truth became known, the video was a hoax. The lack of punishment by the Department of Justice on perjury (of various infamous persons) is becoming a topic of discussion among the citizens of the United States of America. The doubts that the Department of Justice can effectively operate have been mentioned in public arena several times over. This should not have to happen. Action must be taken. Real punishment for criminals must be doled, or else the government will become weak in the eyes of its constituency.

I am including a hypertext link to an open letter from Ralph Nader to the presiding Judge of this case:
<http://www.cptech.org/at/ms/rnj12kollarkotellynov501.html>

Please for the good of the people of the United States of America, reconsider this settlement.

Thank you,

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